

MGF 004-85

30 March 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--March 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Bureau coverage of the Iran-Iraq war expanded significantly during March with the escalation of fighting and attacks on each others' cities. To ensure timely reporting of war events, bureau Persian monitors are now reporting 1/2 hour earlier for work in the morning to cover the Tehran Persian 0330 GMT cast. Tehran Domestic Service in Persian has been put on open speaker watch for the time being, along with Bushehr, Shiraz, and Ahvaz regional stations. Coverage of the regionals has enabled the bureau to file within minutes announcements of air raid alerts and several unique accounts of the fighting and air attacks on cities. Also, at BBC's request, bureau has assumed primary coverage of Tehran Domestic Service in Persian from 1215-1315 GMT daily, during which time BBC loses Persian coverage on MW owing to a station switch to Bengali service.

American Embassy Manama consumers have requested that editors keep them abreast of developments in the war.

2. On 1 March, Bangkok Bureau requested that Gulf attempt to backstop Dhaka radio for an Ershad speech (to be re-read in English). The station was unheard at Gulf on all known frequencies.

On 2 March, Bangkok again requested Gulf's assistance in backstopping Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu for a speech by Ziaul Haq. Bureau Urdu monitors recorded the speech with fair/good reception, but processing assistance was not required by Bangkok.

3. Several ad hoc processing requests were received during March. On 6 March AG requested priority handling of an AL-WATAN interview with the DFLP's Nayif Hawatimah. The item was processed in two takes and cleared within 4 hours of receipt of message.

On 10 March Jordan Bureau requested priority processing, for local embassy consumers, of a QNA report on remarks by Fatah Central Committee member Khalid al-Hasan on "U.S. Mideast policy and the Arab Leaders". While no QNA report could be found, reports on the remarks from Kuwaiti and UAE papers were filed.

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4. In reaction to the death of Chernenko, bureau Central Asian monitors were kept busy monitoring Soviet regional radio behavior. Daily radio behavior FYI's were filed from 11 March and discontinued on 14 March at headquarters request.

5. In response to a liaison request, the bureau prepared and pouched eight tapes containing recordings of Jedda International Service in Turkmen.

6. On 26 March the bureau was requested by BBC/LD to assume full coverage of the Saudi Press Agency because of a line problem in London. Gulf's printout of SPA is excellent and we were thus able to assume coverage with no undue strain on Arabic staffing. BBC resumed coverage midday on 27 March. Bureau was again asked to assume coverage for approximately 1 hour on 29 March owing to BBC's loss of line.

7. Persian monitor/trainee [] completed the first stage of her training and is now processing items without countersignature of a senior monitor.

B. Communications

1. From 3-12 March, embassy TCU requested bureau's cooperation in closing down primary send circuit for several hours daily owing to work being done at TCU. The receive side was not affected. The outages occurred during the bureau's non-peak workload hours and thus operations were not seriously hampered. The bureau's backup Telex system was used to file any immediate items during the outage periods.

2. Teletypist [] returned to duty on 10 March following a lengthy illness. Her return was most welcome and helped to alleviate a serious staffing shortage over the past few months. With her return, bureau Administrative Assistant [] who had been assisting with teletype duties, has returned to her full-time administrative duties.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Arabic monitor [] resigned effective 29 March 1985.

2. The bureau chief departed 31 March for annual leave and the bureau chiefs' conference.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT -- GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

Equipment Received :	Transcriber Sony Model BM-46 S/N 24344 2 EA IBM P.C. Systems
Equipment Transferred :	None
Projects :	Continuing installation of Switchgear for Generator Fabricating Relay system for Remoting Fire alarm to Editors house.

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 387,770

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING : 99,260

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 841

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	14,935	8,280	230.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN ARABIC

-0-

KABUL IN ENGLISH TO

SOUTH ASIA

-0-

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

560

MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE

IN ARABIC

210

MANAMA WAKH IN

ARABIC

12,360

MANAMA WAKH IN

ENGLISH

13,780

MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ

IN ARABIC

1,410

MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN

ARABIC

-0-

MANAMA AL-MANAOIF

IN ARABIC

-0-

MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'

IN ARABIC

1,000

MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS

IN ENGLISH

500

MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN

ENGLISH

2,270

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	600
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	200
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	750
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,800
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	740
(CLANDESTINE) FREE SONS OF YEMENI SOUTH IN ARABIC	770

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	21,500
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	-0-
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	27,200
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	400
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	4,360
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	970
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	6,230
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,990

GERMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	170	
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	950	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	1,250	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN AZERI	1,360	
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN IRNA IN		
ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI		
IN ARABIC	610	
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL		
IN ENGLISH	1,070	
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH	-0-	
TEHRAN ETTALA'AT IN		
PERSIAN	1,020	
TEHRAN JONHURI-YE ESLAMI		
IN PERSIAN	520	
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN	140	
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I		
IN PERSIAN	830	
IRAQ		

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	3,010	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KUWAIT		

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'		
IN ARABIC	2,750	
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN		
ARABIC	-0-	
KUWAIT AL-QABAS		
IN ARABIC	7,270	
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM		
IN ARABIC	2,490	
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN		
ARABIC	2,520	

KUWAIT AL-WATAN	
IN ARABIC	9,540
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	5,050

LEBANON

BEIRUT AZTAG IN	
ARMENIAN	2,520
BEIRUT ZARTONK IN	
ARMENIAN	2,560

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	2,160
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,090
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN	
ARABIC	-0-

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM	
IN ENGLISH	3,510
KARACHI DAWN IN	
ENGLISH	24,900
KARACHI JASARAT IN	
URDU	2,850
KARACHI NASHRIQ IN	
URDU	3,610
KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT	
IN URDU	5,820
LAHORE JANG IN	
URDU	1,300
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN	
URDU	1,510
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES	
IN ENGLISH	1,200

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,410
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
DOHA QNA IN	
ARABIC	5,190

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	1,520
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	2,580
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	790

RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
AL-DAMAM AL-YAMM IN	
ARABIC	1,700
JEDDAH AL-BILAD IN	
ARABIC	-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN	
ARABIC	1,846
RIYADH SPA IN	
ARABIC	350

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS -----

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO	
IRAN	410
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	260
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN AZERI	-0-
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN UIGHUR	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN UZBEK	-0-
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	-0-
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	3,240
ASHKHAZAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	5,580
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	1,500
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	660
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	4,790
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	6,530
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN UZBEK	970
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARMENIAN	630
YEREVAN KOMMUNIST	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
YEREVAN SOVETAKAN AYASTAN	
IN ARMENIAN	18,430

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

2,390

DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

-0-

ABU DHABI WAM

IN ARABIC

2,600

ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD

IN ARABIC

1,430

AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ

IN ARABIC

6,110

DUBAYY AL-BAYAN

IN ARABIC

320

DUBAYY KHALEEF TIMES

IN ENGLISH

5,690

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON ASGHAR AIA

IN PERSIAN

-0-

LONDON KEYHAN IN

PERSIAN

2,410

LONDON VOICE OF IRAN

IN ENGLISH

-0-

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN (PDY)-----
ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

19,610

ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE

IN ARABIC

140

ADEN ANA IN

ARABIC

-0-

ADEN ANA IN

ENGLISH

-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

10,710

SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE

IN ARABIC

2,510

SANAA AL-THAWRAH

IN ARABIC

-0-